

GREY FOREST COMMUNITY (GFC) SUPERVISORY BOARD MINUTES

DATE OF MEETING: THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2020

TYPE OF MEETING: SUPERVISORY BOARD MEETING

PLACE OF MEETING: GREY FOREST COMMUNITY CENTER (GFCC)
18249 SHERWOOD TRAIL
GREY FOREST, TEXAS 78023

TIME OF MEETING: 6:30 P.M.

o MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY CHAIRPERSON AT 6:32 P.M.

o RECORDING OF BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT- Sean Skaggs, Mitch Thornton, Peter Carey, Shelley Guajardo, and Madeline McCloskey

o DECLARATION OF A QUORUM

o APPROVAL OF MINUTES – AUGUST 6, 2020- Mitch Thornton moved to approve the minutes and Sean Skaggs seconded the motion. Board members unanimously approved.

o PRESENTATIONS BY CITIZENS AND VISITORS

o FINANCIAL REPORTS – the current budget projection is that FY20 will end with a \$2,000 surplus.

o BOARD MEMBER REPORTS- Peter Carey advised he will resume invasive weed removal. Madeline McCloskey advised the drinking fountain has been installed outside the Grey Forest Community Center.

o DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION (IF NECESSARY) ON THE FOLLOWING TOPICS: (THIS NOTICE IS POSTED PURSUANT TO THE TEXAS OPEN MEETINGS ACT-TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE 551)

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. DISCUSS AND ACT ON CONSERVATION EASEMENTS ON CREEKS

Lisa Pack (née Muyres) has a conservation easement on her family's 31-acre property which is situated on Scenic Loop, south of Grey Forest. Her parents first bought the property in 1964 and eventually wanted to preserve the property in some fashion. Eventually, she met Phillip Covington from the City of San Antonio Parks and Recreation's Aquifer Protection Program and was told about the steps involved in getting a conservation easement. The process formally started in January 2019 and closed in May 2020 (the original closing date was delayed due to Covid-19). In the process, she learned about the Edwards Aquifer Protection program whose goal is to protect the groundwater from contamination before it reaches the aquifer system. The conservation easement restricts her from building on her property's flood plain, unless mutually agreed-upon; it also prohibits the use of pesticides and petrochemicals and requires a certain amount of tree canopy be kept intact. She is permitted to remove invasive plants such as Nandina and Ligustrum. She clarified that she did not sell her property in the process, but essentially signed over her water rights. She feels the overall process was amicable, and it generated money which helps pay for her elderly mother's assisted living care. It also ensures the property will be kept as one parcel, in perpetuity, and will not be commercially developed.

NEW BUSINESS

2. DISCUSS AND ACT ON ALLOWING 4-H USAGE OF DOG PARK FOR SHEEP SHOWING CLASS

Susan Darst explained she has been a Grey Forest resident for 20 years and her two children have been involved in 4-H for several years. The Helotes 4-H is one of the largest in the state of Texas. The Helotes Ag Booster club's facility is used primarily for events but because of Covid-19, the funds for that building's maintenance have decreased (primarily due to loss of rental income). Also because of Covid-19, many of the usual animal shows or camps have been cancelled. The shows or camps usually allow 4-H'ers to gain knowledge and practice in showing their animals. Susan Darst requested she be allowed to invite approximately 20 4-H'ers to bring their animals to the grounds outside the Grey Forest Community Center on September 25th or 26th. She explained she will be present, on-site, during the entire event. She also requested the GFCC be left open so that the bathrooms would be accessible. She also requested that the usage be allowed free of charge. She provided reassurance that the building would be sanitized after the event. A resident expressed concern about keeping the show animals out of the nearby dog park. Susan Darst agreed the animals would not be permitted in the dog park. Mitch Thornton moved to allow the 4-H'ers be allowed to use the field and clubhouse. Sean Skaggs seconded the motion; board members unanimously agreed.

3. DISCUSS AND ACT ON PLANNED PROJECTS FOR UPCOMING FISCAL YEAR

Jennifer Nottingham stated she has completed reading a large report from 2019 and saw that quite a lot of the work mentioned, regarding creek cleaning, has since been done by Madeline McCloskey and Peter Carey. Madeline McCloskey pointed out the work, also performed by the city's Public Works, has saved the city thousands of dollars. Upcoming work will involve removing cane in Lee Creek near the Silantiens' home and removing invasive plants near the Deep Springs Dam. Jennifer Nottingham mentioned that, at one time, one could walk on a trail along the creeks toward the Twelve-Foot Dam, but it has since become overgrown. She recommended the board add that area to a future action list.

Meeting adjourned at 8:18 P.M.

Meeting minutes documented by María Ammerman

Meeting Minutes approved by Chairperson: Madeline McCloskey